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Department of Education background statement on State Accreditation Standards and Process.

260C.47 and 260C.48

Currently, there are two minimal faculty requirements available for community college career and technical education instructors. A proposal was developed by the Faculty Standards Task Force (convened by the Department by rule and consisting of academic administrators and faculty) and was endorsed by the community college chief academic officers. This proposal will provide community colleges with an additional option for instructors to meet the state accreditation standards by combining education and experience in the occupational area. The changes would provide institutions with flexibility while maintaining credentialing standards and quality minimum faculty requirements in hiring career and technical education instructors, particularly in career and technical education fields with a shortage of quality instructors.

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